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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON FLOODING #22—FEMA 1526-DR

Disaster Declaration Reopened – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has granted Governor Doyle's request to reopen Disaster Declaration 1526 and push back the incident date from May 19 to May 7. The original declaration was for storm damage that occurred from May 19-July 3, 2004. On July 8, Governor Doyle submitted the request to push back the incident period after information was gathered showing significant losses for individuals, businesses and local governments as a result of storms that hit Wisconsin from May 7-18.

Individual Assistance - Residents and businesses in the eligible counties that suffered storm damage from May 7-18, 2004 are now encouraged to register with FEMA to determine if they may be eligible for federal grants and low interest loans. Those who experienced damages should register with FEMA by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Those with a speech or hearing impairment can call a special number, TTY 1-800-462-7585. Both lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until further notice.

Those disaster victims who had damages during the original incident period of May 19 through July 3 do not need to reapply. However, if they had losses during the new earlier period (May 7-18) that were not considered, they should contact the FEMA Helpline at the same toll-free numbers 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 to report these specific damages.

The revised declaration will allow Individual Assistance to aid homeowners, renters, and business owners is available in the following counties: Adams, Brown, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Marathon, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Shawano, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood.

Wisconsin Emergency Management is working with county emergency management directors in making sure those impacted by storms in early May, contact FEMA and register for assistance.

Public Assistance - The change in the incident period will also allow local governments that sustained damage or emergency costs associated with storms from May 7-18 to also apply for disaster aid under the Public Assistance Program. Counties eligible are: Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green Lake, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Marquette, Monroe, Ozaukee, Vernon, and Winnebago. Local governments and non-profit agencies in the approved counties should contact their county emergency management director for further information on how to apply for this assistance.

Public Assistance Payments – Wisconsin Emergency Management has been working closely with FEMA in implementing the Public Assistance program for the 17 eligible counties for damage costs related to this summer's storms. However due to budget issues as a result of other disasters around the nation, FEMA is only reimbursing eligible local governments for their costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures. FEMA has put a hold on financial reimbursements for permanent work for roads, bridges, park, etc. until the new budget for the Department of Homeland Security is signed by the President. WEM has been in contact and is working with Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation and Governor Doyle's staff about the negative implications this hold is causing local governments. There is no definite timeline when this budget will be signed.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.